

## The St. Lucie County Environmental Lands

This project began in 1994 with the passage of a \$20 million local bond program. The mission of the program is to preserve, protect and restore ecosystems in their natural state while providing compatible public use.

- Natural communities are maintained through the use of prescribed fires.
- Wetlands are restored to historic levels and coverage
- Non-native populations of plants and animals are controlled.

Lands are acquired with the assistance of Florida Communities Trust, South Florida Water Management District's Save our Rivers (SOR) and Conservation and Recreational Lands (CARL).

**\*Site use by reservation only**

**\*\*Site not open to public**

**PLEASE USE THESE SITES AT YOUR OWN RISK**

### **NORTHEAST REGION**

- 1. Indrio Savannahs** - Site is adjacent to and includes an extensive freshwater wetland system. Recreation opportunities include (2) observation towers, hiking (three miles of trail), and fishing (*catch and release only*) (*electric motors are permitted*). Located 6/10 of a mile north of Indrio Road, at the corner of Tozour Road and U.S. 1. (297 acres)
- 2. Indrio Scrub** - The site supports rare scrub flora and fauna, and contains a half mile self-guided interpretive trail. Parking lot located along Old Dixie, north of Indrio Road. (13 acres)
- 3. D.J. Wilcox** - A canoe launch, fishing dock, and a half mile interpretive trail meanders through a mature hammock. Historical interest. Located east of Old Dixie highway at Indrio Rd. (105 acres)

**4. St. Lucie Village Heritage Park** - A unique property with hammocks, bay swamp and mangrove forest. Contains one mile of interpretive trails, picnic area, disc golf course, horseshoes and volleyball court. Located at the intersection of Torpey Rd. and Old Dixie Highway. (70 acres)

**5. Queens Island** - Contains a canoe launch and fishing/crabbing pier. Located 3/4 mile North of Regal Rd. on North Hutchinson Island. (280 acres)

**6. Kings Island** - Site can be accessed thru Jack Island. Recreational opportunities include nature viewing, hiking, cycling, fishing and bird watching. Located 1/4 mile North of Jackson Way on North Hutchinson Island. (174 acres)

**7. Wildcat Cove** - Recreational opportunities include hiking, bicycling, fishing and bird watching. Located on North A1A adjacent to fire station. (114 acres)

**8. Sheraton Scrub** - Acquired to protect several threatened species, the site contains a one mile self-guided interpretive trail and observation tower. Located on Juanita Ave. and 41st St. in Fort Pierce. (56 acres)

**9. Lakewood Park Natural Area**—Located within Lakewood Regional Park, this natural area contains 2 miles of nature trail. Located on Emerson Rd. 2 miles north of Indrio Rd. (160 acres)

### **SOUTHEAST REGION**

**10. Blind Creek** - Recreational opportunities include fishing and beach access. Future plans include a nature trail. Located on south A1A North of FPL Nuclear Power Plant. (409 acres)

**11. Ocean Bay** - This site supports unique coastal vegetation. Recreational opportunities include an interpretive trail and hiking. A worm reef is located along the shoreline. Located one mile south of the FPL Nuclear Power Plant on south A1A. (33 acres)

**\*12. Walton Scrub** - Contains a 1/2 mile interpretive trail and a Marine Research Center. Located at 10809 South Indian River Drive. Opening Spring 2009. (33 acres)

**13. Spruce Bluff** - Site of an early pioneer settlement and prehistoric Indian mound, along the banks of the St. Lucie River first settled in 1891. Recreation includes two interpretive trails and boardwalks. Located off Southbend Blvd., at the intersection of Peru St. and Dar Lane in Port St. Lucie. (97 acres)

### **CENTRAL REGION**

**14. Sweetwater Hammock** - A quarter mile interpretive trail winds through a hammock to a canoe launch. Located on South 25th Street just south of Bell Avenue. (15 acres)

**15. Ancient Oaks**— An interpretive nature trail winds through a mature hammock and is adjacent to a playground and athletic fields of Weldon Lewis Park. Located 1/2 mile north of Midway Road on Oleander Avenue. (40 acres)

**16. Oxbow Eco-Center** borders the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, containing two miles of trail, canoe dock, boardwalks, nature center and observation towers. Located at 5400 N.E. St. James Blvd., Port St. Lucie. (220 acres)

**17. Gordy Road Recreation Area** - The site contains a 9 acre lake, (*Catch & Release only- electric motors are permitted*), canoe launch, compost restrooms, pavilion, picnic tables, half mile hiking trail and a 9 hole disc golf course. Located on Gordy Rd., one mile south of S.R. 70. (44 acres)

**18. North Fork** - Several parcels located along the river are accessible by canoe. Hiking trails and picnic tables are available. (130 acres)

**19. Ten Mile Creek Natural Area** - Site includes a canoe launch and interpretive nature trail through a floodplain forest community. Located on Gordy Rd., 0.8 miles south of S.R. 70. (8 acres)

**20. George LeStrange Natural Area** - Site includes a lake (*catch and release - electric motors allowed*) and Canoe launch. Located on Ralls Rd. 1/5 mile north of Selvitz. Rd. (94 acres)

### **SOUTHWEST REGION**

**21. Paleo Hammock** - The site has a one mile interpretive trail and observation tower. Historical interest. Located 4 miles south of S.R. 70 on Carlton Rd. Parking area on the right hand side. (120 acres)

**22. Teague Hammock**— Unusual tropical trees and plants are found in the hammocks including the largest known Simpson Stopper tree. One mile interpretive trail and wildlife blinds. Located across the street from Paleo Hammock. (300 acres)

**23. Pinelands** - Site containing six miles of trails and observation tower. Located 14.5 miles west of Kings Highway off S.R. 70. Turn left on VPI Grove Road and follow the signs. (750 acres)

**24. Bluefield Ranch** - Site of marsh, scrub and pinelands. Recreation opportunities include a wildlife blind, observation tower, primitive camping and 20 miles of hiking and horse trails. Located at the southern end of Bluefield Rd., 18 miles west of Ft Pierce off of SR70. (3,285 acres)

### **RESTORATION AREAS**

**\*25. Greene Swamp** - An extensive cypress preserve, not accessible to the public. (513 acres)

**\*\*26. Platt's Creek** - A restoration area located along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. (100 acres)

**Nature Programs Available  
Winter Through Spring**

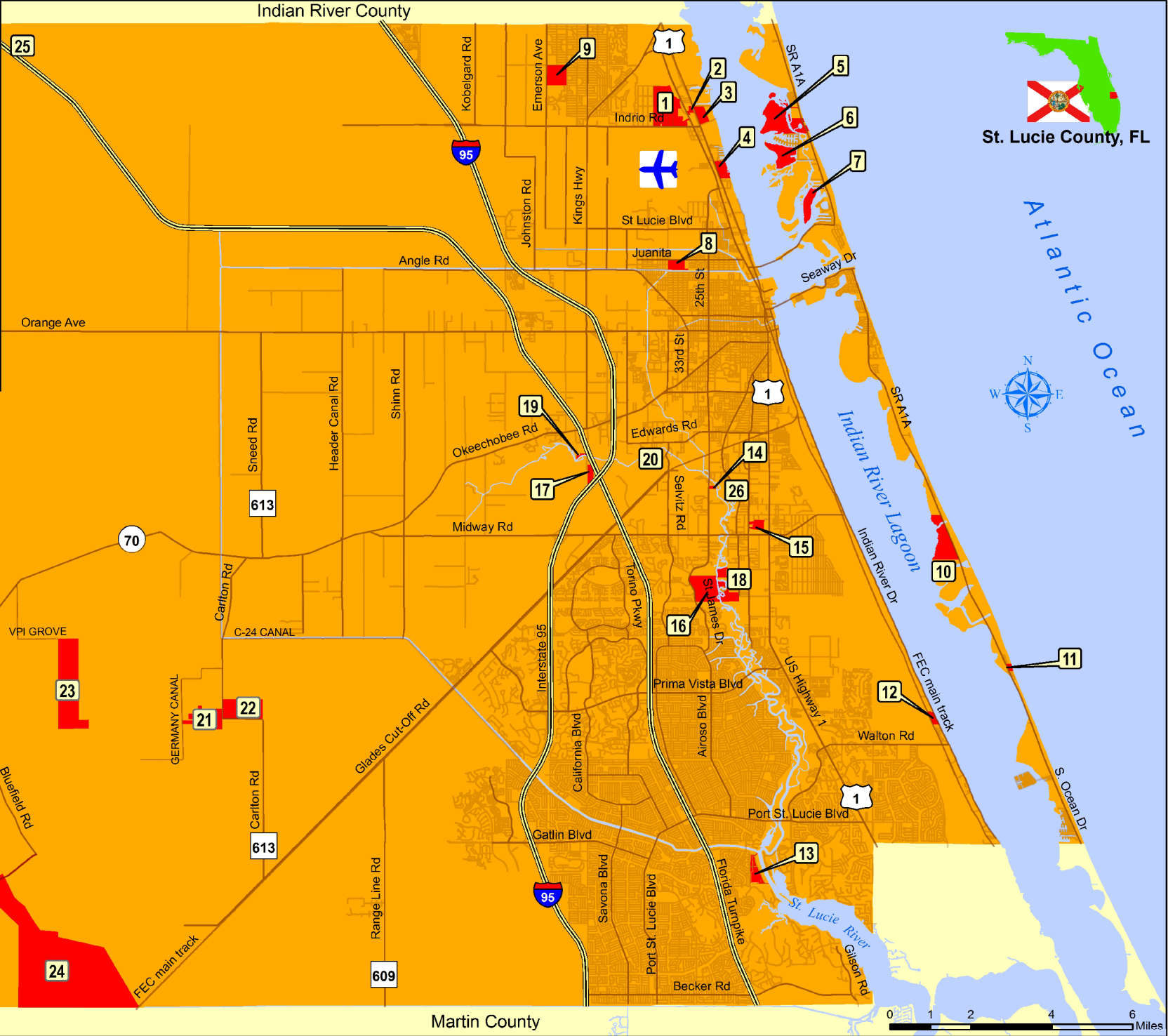
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## Natural Areas & Preserves



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### Environmental Lands Program Goals

- Preserve and Protect Native Upland Habitat.
- Preserve Ecologically Unique Natural Communities.
- Preserve Endangered and Threatened Species.
- Maintain Natural Flood Protection & Water Quality.
- Provide Passive, Resource-based Recreation Opportunities.